

THE METHODISTS

AMERICAN CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

The Great Conference in London—An Interesting Account of the Rise and Progress of Some of the Churches—An Incident of the Wesleyan Conference.

Special Correspondence of THE HARMONY

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Your readers may be interested in the following points in regard to the different American churches represented in the Conference, which meets here on the 7th proximo:

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784, and at present has 1,341,000 members and 84,419 itinerant preachers. This church now has 1,742,923 members and 12,096 itinerant preachers. Sends to the Ecumenical 80 delegates, and to the London Conference 14,280 delegates.

The Baptist Church was first organized at Louisville, Ky., in May, 1845. Its first general conference was held in May, 1846, at Petersburg, Va. At its birth it had about 50,000 members and 1,000 preachers. It had 2,560,000 members and 10,000 preachers. Sends to the Ecumenical 100 delegates.

The Methodist Protestant Church was formed in 1828, by separating from the Methodist Church. It is now meeting with 80 ministers and 100,000 members, it now numbers 1,314 ministers and about 115,000 members. Sends to the Ecumenical 6 delegates.

The United Brethren Church originated a little over a century ago in Pennsylvania and Maryland under the labors of Philip W. Otterbein, a German Reformed preacher. For some time this was exclusively a German church, but it has long lost this distinctive character. It has 2,000,000 members. Represents on Ecumenical, 6, but sends only 2 delegates.

The Evangelical Association was formed by the union of the German and the American Lutheran Church. Membership, 112,197, with 9,921

The Free Methodist Church was organized at Pekin, N. Y., in 1809. It has 12,542 members and 271 ministers. Sends to Ecumenical 2 delegates.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in 1787, with about 2,000 members. It now has a membership of about 214,000. Sends to Ecumenical 12 delegates.

The Episcopal Zion Church (colored) was formed in New York in 1820. It began with 1,500, and now has nearly 200,000, and sends to Ecumenical 6 delegates.

The Methodist Episcopal Church (colored), organized by Rev. Peter Spencer, has only 2,000 members and 121 preachers. Every member of this church is required to contribute no less than 10 cents to the support of the Gospel. Sends to Ecumenical 2 delegates.

The Wesleyan Church was organized at Utica, N. Y., in 1840. It was among anti-slavery churches, and since the war has declined. It has now 550 ministers and 37,000 members. Sends to Ecumenical 4 delegates.

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was formed at Nashville, Tenn., December, 1847, under the name of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It has 635 ministers and 112,500 members. Sends to Ecumenical 6 delegates.

The Primitive Methodist Church reports 196 ministers and 13,110 members. Sends to Ecumenical 2 delegates.

The Congregational Methodist Church originated in 1862. Membership, 10,000. Sends 2 delegates.

The Independent Methodist Churches report a

The Canadian churches will be represented as follows: Methodist Church, 14 delegates; Methodist Episcopal Church, 2; Primitive Methodist Church, 2; Bible Christian Church, 2; British Methodist Episcopal Church, 2.

Other churches represented in British and Continental Methodism are distinguished as follows: Wesleyan Methodists, 88; Primitive Methodists, 36; Free Church Methodists, 23; New Connection, 12; Wesleyan, 12; Wesleyan, 10; Wesleyan Reform Union, 1; Irish Wesleyan, 10; French Wesleyans, 2; Irish Wesleyans, 16.

Since arriving here I have learned of an interesting incident that occurred at the British Wesleyan Conference, held in London, 1890. Bishop Ryle, the resident episcopate of the Established Church, sent a letter of fraternal greeting to the letter apostle of the great work of world-wide done by him, and the apostle (dressed in that work, sentiments which were

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Among those present were the Lord Mayor of London, Rev. Mr. Osborn, president of the Wesleyan Conference, and the American delegates, Messrs. Dickerson, Mayor, and S. J. May. The Mayor, who was the hearty welcome to the ministers who had assembled from various parts of the world. Bishops Simpson and Payne also spoke.

TEXAS HOSPITALITY.

A new Washington War Tent—The Work of Neoundale.

John Edson Briggs, of Washington, son of Emily Edson Briggs ("Ollie"), recently joined Rev. Mr. Stoddard, of Connecticut, who had lived in Texas four years. They had purchased a new tent at Bell, Hamilton County, stocked it partially with food, and were now going up buildings for a permanent home. During the temporary absence of Dr. Stoddard, a young man of

Young Briggs was taken into the open air, stripped naked, and flogged with a lash, from head to heels, and then tied and set up as a scare, while a large crowd gathered to witness the punishment. The crowd was so close that the hair on his head was cut by the bullets. His buildups, so far as completed, were destroyed, his sheep stampeded and many killed; and the crowd was so close that many got up and shot, for the Texans had decided that

NORTHERN MEN MUST MOVE.

It also was informed that he had been an older man (he was twenty-two years) his life would have been spared had he not been so obstinate in his refusal to stop committing to crime except that of being born

who join together to drive Northern men and capital away from Texas call themselves "cowboys," so as to make it appear that the real Bourbon sentiment has nothing to do with it. Both the student and Briggs had no objection to dealing with politics. Briggs never won the life of a student is one of the most reticent in speech and most prudent in demerance—a young man of such manners that alone would give him a high rank.

A WELCOME IN ANY CIVILIZED COMMUNITY.

Young Briggs has invested several thousand dollars, his whole inheritance. Northern men are allowed to buy and sell and speculate in property and land, and when all their means are invested are then driven away by the deadly bullet. The young men had just made a payment on their land.

A HORN IN TEXAS.

Ont for a Spin.—TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 3.—To-day Remy and Courtney had, again, fought together, the same creeping up and passing the former. Hosmer, Tom Ryck, and Riley were out. At present Trickett, Gaudaur, and Courtney are the favorites, though